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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i>		Attorney Docket No. 501.37436CV2	
		First Inventor NISHIHARA, SHINJI, et al.	
		Title METHOD OF FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE	
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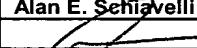
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Prior application information: Examiner: **D. Kang** Art Unit: **2811**

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		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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1053 130	1053 130			Non-English specification	
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1804 920*	1804 920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action	
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1251 110	2251 55			Extension for reply within first month	
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1403 290	2403 145			Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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LETTER

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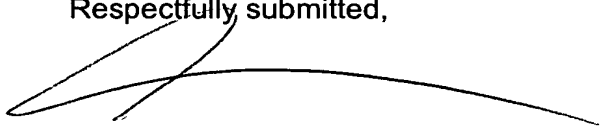
The original claims of the above-identified application, claims 1-8, are noted. All of these original claims are directed to a method of fabricating a semiconductor integrated circuit device, with claim 1 being the sole independent claim. Claim 1 includes processing steps corresponding to some of the processing steps in independent claim 48 of Application No. 09/380,735, given a filing date of February 4, 2000.

Applicants intend to file a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application, presenting claims to be considered on the merits in the above-identified application. If this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is not in the file of the above-identified application at the time that the Examiner takes up the above-identified application for examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned, so as to determine status of this Supplemental

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Respectfully submitted,

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